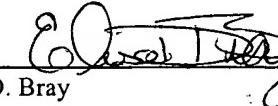




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Commissioner:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office action dated November 29, 2001 of the Primary Examiner's final action of claims 2 through 23.

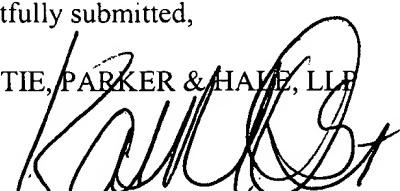
- A Petition for Extension of Time and the fee are enclosed.
 Our check for \$320.00 to cover the fee for this appeal is enclosed.
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

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